

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 4, lines 6 – 25 with the following paragraph:

Cylinder 10 is designed to orient and retain a structural framework material, or a composite or ceramic material thereon for single crowns and small prostheses. Preferably, the structural framework material is a fiber reinforced composite material. Retaining grooves or shelves may be disposed anywhere on cylinders 10 to retain and hold the structural framework or other material thereon. Preferably, the grooves or shelves are disposed vertically, as depicted in Figures 1 and 2 at 14, and are preferably located on the proximal surfaces of cylinders 10. As shown in the Figures, these These retaining grooves have at least two sides to allow appropriate positioning of the fiber reinforced composite framework between cylinders and mechanically retain the framework in place. Alternatively, or in addition to grooves 14, horizontal grooves or shelves 16 may be provided on cylinders 10 and are preferably located on the facial and lingual surfaces of the cylinders and assist in controlling the fiber reinforced composite while it is wrapped around the cylinders to complete the framework. Horizontal grooves 16 are shown having two sides, a top side and a bottom side, while vertical grooves 14 are shown having three sides, a left side, a right side and a bottom side. Additionally, nodules, beads or holes may be disposed on the surface of the cylinders to aid in the retention of polymeric material. Preferably, the nodules and the like are of a size smaller than the shelves or grooves and can also be located on the entire surface of the cylinders including the shelves and grooves or on a portion of the surface of the cylinders. FIG. 3 shows cylinders 10 with bores or screw holes 18 extending axially through cylinders 10. Screws 20 are shown inserted in screw holes 18 and extend through to abutment analogs 12 shown in FIG. 4. Screws 20 connect and retain cylinders 10 to abutment analogs 12 on cast 13 or eventually to abutments in the mouth.